

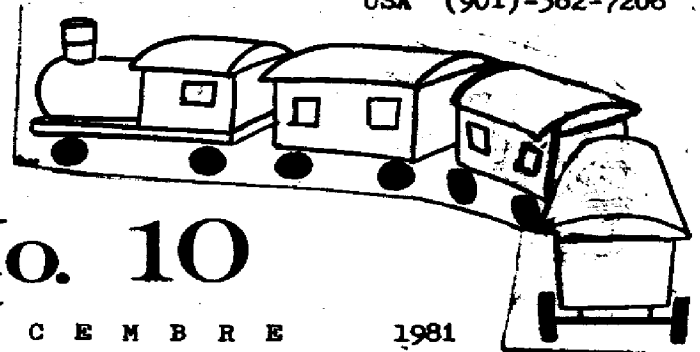
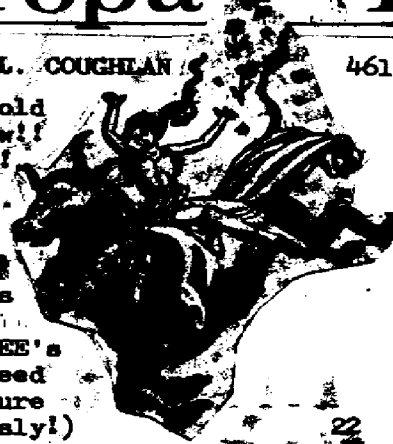
# Europa Express

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Off with the old  
and on with the new!!  
EE goes DD and D!!!  
That is double-  
digit(the Big 10!)  
and digest-format.

Want to know  
who is reading this  
issue as you read  
it? Well turn to EE's  
"Garagefold". (I need  
some ideas for future  
centerfolds(seriously!))



## No. 10

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§ Yes, if all goes right, this will be a digest-format EUROPA EXPRESS which is readable. I did a one-page sample at my printer (on white paper) and the map and picture came out well and the print was legible. We'll see how it does on non-white paper.

§ This issue is 44 pages! I was like a kid with a new toy and this is beyond my limits to do every five weeks so don't get used to it! I am thinking in the realm of 28 pages each time. Digest is EE's future and if the margins I picked are not wide enough, I will experiment until I get it right.

§ Digest cuts my printing bill in half but (ala the oil companies), you will not see this reflected in cheaper sub rates for two reasons. (1) Printing a zine like EE is extremely expensive, often in excess of \$100.00 per issue. Now it should be around \$50-70 depending on size. This doesn't count the cost of postage. (2) EE debuted in January, 1981, and since that date, postal rates have gone up twice--in March and in November whereas EE's sub price did not go up. But good news for you all, EE's prices will still not go up. Since next issue is the last one for several of you, the price of EE is 10 issues/\$6.00 US and 10 issues/\$7.00 Canada. WARNING: No resubs will be accepted unless you tell/have told me your national origin for EE's top-secret project! Checks/cheques of non-compliers will be returned.

§ To help you find your way around in the new style of EE, the table of contents will always be on page 2 from now on. Although I can print more than ever before, I still prefer excerpts although some letters were printed in their entirety. Now EE can go back to having both letters and articles in every issue.

§ The issues and I still don't have a system down pat! What I'm evolving into is that the players get their results ahead of the zine's arrival so, no matter what, their games are on schedule. The week after the deadline is spent getting the zine together. I am trying to get it ~~down~~ <sup>done</sup> the week before the deadline and still keep it timely.

§ Each year, EE sets its publishing dates so as to avoid holidays. 1982 pubbing dates will be Jan. 22, Feb. 26, April 2, May 7, June 11, July 16, Aug 20, Sept. 24, Oct 29 and Dec 3. This gives all of us a 6-week vacation this time from EE!

§ Whitestonia Players' Poll results are in. There are still two polls in the next two months for you to vote in if you missed this one. See pages 33 and 39.

§ Sad news from Dick Martin whose Swedish Roundabout orders arrived one day past the deadline: Dick has lost access to his production. So, Retaliation will be delayed and will probably be smaller for a while, Dick says. This will affect Give Me A Weapon, Magus and Mass Murders also since they are tied in with R. But none will fold, Dick says.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS(SEE PAGE 29) TO ALL OF YOU. NO! THIS IS NOT A FAKE!!!

Thanks for all the

① Holiday Correcting Cards y'all sent!  
+ Feb's "Sanki Spaci"!

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A EUROPA EXPRESS EDITORIAL

---by Gary L. Coughlan

I detest editorials. I hate reading them and I hate writing them. But I hate, even more, what I have been reading in our hobby's zines and in private letters recently. For these reasons, I think it is time for all of us to use some perspective and see, or try to, the other person's viewpoint. This hobby is made up of many diverse personalities with different opinions on how things should be done. This hobby is full of cliques that seem to be trying to be mutually exclusive of each other and tending to view any sympathy for another clique as unfriendly to them. I do not belong to any clique and I have my own views of what my participation in this hobby shall be. My philosophy is that I am going to be friends with as many people as I can. I am not going to be forced to choose sides or pushed into any corners by anyone should anyone try. Diplomacy is for fun, it is only a game, and I intend to have fun even if I, God forbid, do so alone. I don't think I am alone. Now I have some rhetorical questions for you. "You" can be you or it can be the other guy--you decide.

► What if you were the pubber of an extremely highly rated zine and it seemed like everybody and his brother were saying, publicly, that it is only because you plagiarize articles? How would you feel?

► What if you were a 13-year-old boy who put out cartoons with captions about hobby members in a subzine and someone criticized only you even though many hobby members who are adults use cartoons as well? How would you feel?

► What if you read insulting and untrue remarks about yourself in a zine--remarks designed only to hurt for no reason at all--and knew that others were reading it too? How would you feel?

► What if you saw cruel remarks attacking someone in a zine and these remarks were supposedly by you? How would you feel?

► How would you like it if several of your friends wrote to you asking your opinion in various conflicts with other hobby members who are also your friends and asking that you write those friends? How would you feel?

I was placed in the middle of a conflict between my friends once before. It is a very uncomfortable situation and I am not cut out to be a mediator or a judge. But I will not stand by and see zines favor putting respected hobby members out of the hobby merely because they disagreed with them or think they "attacked" their friends. Let's be grown up here. And friendship should not be automatically equated with support in any and all battles. No one is right all the time.

Someone wrote me something I agree with very much: "There are many people who feel that friends are for praise and support. The enemies can take care of the criticism category. From this arises the notion of the clique--the collection of people who can be expected to back you no matter what... A true friend is one who can offer criticism."







Take That Belgium! Take That Finland!! WHO'S RURAL AND BACKWARD???!!!!!.....

not a "guarantee".

(5) The only part of the US to ever have had slavery is the economically most rural and backward. A century after slavery, it is first now beginning to recover.

(6) All the American "client states" he names have an odd history of saying "Thanks for the money, now go fuck yourself." Zaïre, in particular, is more of a compliment to black abilities than to the great start it got as a colony of Liesnard's own Belgium. Belgium, the sole challenger to Portugal as the most irresponsible colonial power in Africa this century, perhaps couldn't afford to help any "clients", what with castastrophes of Socialism at home.

(7) Liesnard's "own freedom and wealth may not be established upon the pillage, enslavement and starving of the world", but is instead based on the fruits of capitalism. Anarchists are free to criticize government as long as they have a government over them to protect their right to speak; Socialists are able to daydream about a perfect world where no one works, just as long as they dwell in a state capitalist enough to provide them with sustenance and free time for daydreaming.

(8) American hobbyists know that my political idol is Darth Vader, not J.R. Ewing.

(9) All these things are so whether or not Socialists have the brains God gave a goose to see them with.

To C-G Späre: An alliance exists because the interests of the allies are the same. Those who find themselves at odds with US interests are invited to go to a Superpower more to their liking, or become one themselves by paying the price. Or until it hurt, but being grabbed by so many boys' hands soon made her nipples bullet-hard they can duck out, hide, and hope for the best, such as present-day Finland. (I should add my admiration for the Finnish efforts in the two Russo-Finnish wars of 1939-40 and 1941-44. Too bad you didn't hit Leningrad, or commit 3 divisions instead of 2 to the Karelian drives....)

To finish the story..."he welcomed the influx of good people and global tax dollars that the building of the deathray gun would bring to Oklahoma. "We realize," he said, "that the earth is the target, whether we choose to defend ourselves or not. Oklahomans would rather fight than surrender, unlike those worthless global "leaders" in Helsinki. The situation today, my people, is like that which existed in Europe a century ago, when Europeans facing Russian missiles refused American missiles to defend themselves with. They "thought" that being helpless would save them, while defending themselves might provoke the Russians into desiring western Europe. We will not let that kind of fuck-up happen ever again."

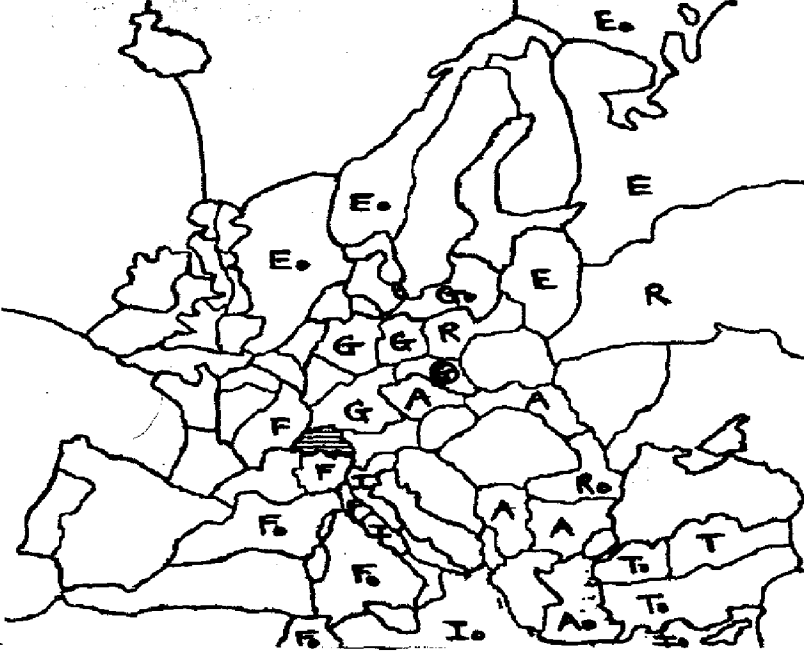
A final note, re: Fassio: His letter contains only one serious item: he derides his own views too much. True, he may lack a doctorate in Comparative Political Systems and not be a former Secretary of State, but that doesn't mean that his observations/opinions/theories carry any less weight than those of similiar folk in Europe. If being European in outlook were any kind of asset, the US would not have needed to go in and finish off World War I and World War II for them, nor have to continue to defend them now when they are too spineless to make the effort themselves. There are as many Europeans as there are Americans; there are fewer cultural differences between Liesnard-Späre-Tamlyn than there are between you and some black-chicano troops in your own unit; their countries there aren't basket-cases like Bangladesh. If their views and opinions were better than ours, they wouldn't need us stationed in their front yards now, would they?

((John, I have a feeling that you will really "enjoy" Geoff Challenger's letter on page 21! I do have a few things to say about this article. Michel Liesnard lived in the Belgian Congo, now called Zaïre, and C-G was part of a school-boy cannon crew against the Russian bombardments of Helsinki, Finland in 1944. TIME magazine recently did an article on the nuclear issue and discussed Finland and "Finlandization". It said: "The Finns, who lost two wars and 12% of their national territory to the Soviets between 1939 and 1945, claim they are simply being "realistic" in their relations with Moscow. As one prominent politician puts it, "When it's useless to do something, we don't do such things." We must remember that Finland is a non-aligned country right next door to the Soviet Union. Others have more of a choice than Finland--for now. John's article shows the growing resentment in this country in regard to the European allies. I really fear a new isolationism in the United States. We need to talk to each other more.))

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ENGLISH DEEP INSIDE RUSSIA!! NEW SULTAN EMERGES IN CONSTANTINOPLE!!  
 TURKISH "DISEASE" SPREADS EAST AS AUSTRIA STANDS STILL!!  
 FRENCH TAKE TUNIS AS ITALIANS SAVE NAPLES!!

Ω POSITIONS IN WINTER 1902/SPRING 1903 Ω



§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR WINTER 1902 §

Osut'ria-Hanggari: NBR!@ @ Plays one short  
 Rosia: Remove Fleet Livonia, A St. Pete retreats ~~one~~  
 YONGGUK: Build Fleet London

§ ORDERS OF BATTLE FOR SPRING 1903 §

ET'ALLI: A Nap-(ROM), A (VEN) S A Nap-Rom, F (ION)-Nap  
 (Bob Osuch-ssi) F (EAS)-Ion

OSUT'RIA-HANGGARI: NMR!@ @ @ HAS A (BOH) @ @ @  
 (Dick Martin-ssi?????) @ A (GAL), A (SER), A (BUL), F (AEG)

P'RANGSU: A (TUS) S Italian A Nap-Rom, A Mar-(PIE)  
 (Bruce Linsey-ssi) A (BUR) S German A Ruh-Mun, F Naf-(TUN)  
 F (TYS)-Nap, F (LYO)-Tys

ROSLA: F (RUM) S Turkish F Con-Bul(sc)(NSO),  
 (Bob Olsen-ssi) A War-(PRU), A (MOS)-Stp  
 A (SIL)@ @ S A War-Pru(r-War-OTB)

TOKIL: A Mun-(SIL), A (BER) S A Mun-Sil, A Ruh-(MUN)  
 (Randolph Smyth-ssi) F (BAL) S English A Stp-Lvn  
 A Hol-(KIE)

T'OK'I: F (SMY) S F Con, F (CON) S F Smy  
 (John Kador-ssi) A (ANK) S F Con

YONGGUK: A Stp-(LVN), A Nwy-(STP), F (BAR) S A Nwy-Stp  
 (Garry Hamlin-ssi) F Nth-(NWY), F Lon-(NTH)

§ GAME: "Swedish Roundabout" 1981 AM  
 § GM: 기여리씨  
 § NEXT SEASON IS: FALL 1903  
 § NEXT DEADLINE IS: Friday, Jan. 22  
 § GAME COLOR: Nurun

¶ GAME NOTES: Welcome to the wonderful world of Korean! (Or break that tie!). SR loses its status as a transatlantic game since Dave Tucker failed to submit orders and John Kador is now the Turkish player of record.

Good news: SR's new home, should EE fold will be Andy Lischett's zine Cheesecake. Andy's a great GM.  
 Bad news: Although Dick Martin NMRed, I am 99.9% certain he will be back. Just in case will Bern Sampson, 123 Sixth St., Middlesex, New Jersey 08846 submit orders for Austria? Thanks.  
 With the digest format asterisks for dislodged units do not show up so dislodged units will be circled in the future.

§ Dislodgments This Time: Russia's Army Silesia. A dislodged unit not shown. Your cartoon this time comes from Punch Magazine.



ITALY AND RUSSIA TAKE SOME BLOWS AS AUSTRIA RESTS

Memphis to Swedish Roundabout: Almost forgot to tell you that the concession to France failed. The French player wanted it known that he voted "no."  
 [LEISUREVILLE]- A concession to me? Poor little me? No, thanks--I want the opportunity to smear you all on the board! Concession, my rear!  
 Rump the Righteous to Memphis Flash: Our homily this season will be on the evils of tale bearing.  
 Memphis Flash: Well you force me to go to page 8 for the tales.

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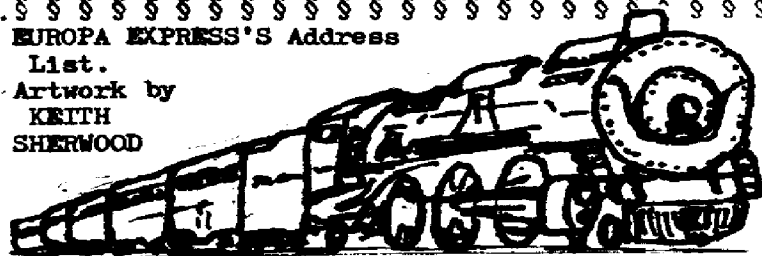






EUROPA EXPRESS'S Address List.

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WHO WE ARE! Yes, it's time once again to see who joins you when you read EE. There have been some changes since #6. If a subber puts a zine or subzine, it appears after his name (unless you are a serviceman overseas!). Europeans are \*(starred) and Canadians have a "C". () around a number indicate someone who has been outside their native country in the past!

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SOME COMMENTS ABOUT US: I'm rounding the percentages off since the subber list is so close to 100. You are 1% of EUROPA EXPRESS! We come from 9 different countries. There are 77 Americans, 7 Canadians and 17 Europeans. 44% of you are either players or Malabergers. 57% of you publish in some way.

I have seen 27 of you and have talked to an additional 28 of you over the phone for a total of 55%, which I consider a high percentage. We live in 27 of the United States, 3 of the Canadian Provinces and in 7 European countries. ( I've based the states on where your address is because in some cases I do not know your native state)

The geographical breakdown is: California-11, United Kingdom-9, 8 each live in Michigan and New York, Florida-6, 5 each from Illinois and Texas, Maryland-4, 3 each live in Pennsylvania and West Germany, 2 each live in Belgium, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Ohio, Sweden, Virginia and Washington State, and one apiece live in Alaska, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin. 4 also live in Ontario and one each live in Alberta, Finland, France, Holland and Québec.

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Eric Ozog said, "I enjoyed myself even more at this FTF event [St. Louis] than at Gen-Con East. At Gen-Con, there were too many people which prevented a more personal, warm atmosphere from developing." Our common bond is Diplomacy. It is the thing that gets us together; from there other interests can develop. The British have been talking about flying down to Portugal for a Dip Tournament but doubt they will play it when they get there! But then they do see each other more than we in North America do. Our chances are fewer so we take them as we can.

I send the European players EEs by "Printed Matter-Air Mail". This gets it to Europe almost as quick as a letter but I cannot(am not allowed) to write any personal messages on it or I have to pay a much higher rate. But, Geoff, those Europeans who contribute to the letter column like you, get it the fast way, not surface.

I can't believe that many of your countrymen believe in unilateral disarmament! My God, that's like giving the Soviets an engraved invitation. It sounds like appeasement to me and that didn't work. Does your freedom mean so little to you, Geoff? Would you have your country today under the heel of the Nazis just to have global disarmament for the last 40 years? I get the feeling that if no more nuclear weapons were deployed(after all the two sides can kill each other several times over) that the Europeans wouldn't want to increase their conventional forces either. Freedom, and the liberties that all of us share, do indeed have a price. Unfairly or not, the US is feeling we are shouldering too much of the burden for a Western Europe which takes us for granted. I do believe that the demonstrations are really anti-Reagan and not anti-American but many do not see it that way. If the Americans ever came home, they would never go back. Not after two times!



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THE FALL-OUT FROM ST. LOUIS CONTINUES.....

Jim Williams(Iowa, USA): "Well, I can still manage to squeeze in a quick letter to a former trusting ally. I really have been having a hard time staying on top of my games. The thing is, it will probably be getting progressively worse. You see, it's like this. I blame it all on St. Louis Con.

That weekend in St. Louis was one of the few times during my 6 years of marriage that I spent that much time away from my lovely wife. Naturally I missed her. Naturally when I got home, I showed her how much I missed her, and.....quite naturally as will happen on occasion during these things, my wife became pregnant.

Needless to say, this is really going to have a profound impact on my hobby involvement. Suddenly, my attendance at ChicagoCon is in jeopardy and Origins is definitely out. The baby is due in the middle of July. (What timing!)"

Congratulations! Maybe you can still go to Chicago before little Gary or little Elsie comes.

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David O'Hare(France): "If you ever get over to Marseille...I could take you out scuba diving...my brother-in-law has a diving school...blue Mediterranean Sea and Roman ships underneath.....I have tried in Marseille several times to round up enough players to play in a face-to-face game and I have never found 7 players. Over one million people..and no players."

Well I know I can't go to Marseilles(except in a game maybe!), but if I were the British hobby, I would be thinking of going to Marseille instead of Portugal!

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Doug Beyerlein(California, USA): "Your comment[in a private letter to Doug] about missing the golden age of the hobby made me smile. I felt the same way when I entered the hobby in 1966. Back then the golden age was something like '63-65. But actually I think that the golden age for everyone is when they first get established in the hobby and make friends with other hobby participants. I guess that by now I have participated in a couple of golden ages. In the late 60s, Rod Walker and John McCallum did much to make that period special. And then in the early 70s there were people like Walt Buchanan and Edi Birsan. After I retired as Boardman Number Custodian in 1977, I sort of lost touch with much of the hobby, but in the last year I have discovered that although the names have changed, the hobby is healthier than ever. Today people like yourself are providing the energy to make the early 80s a very golden period. Keep up the good work. And thanks for promoting the poll."

Several months ago, discussions were going on about how the hobby today is not as good as was the hobby of some years ago. I have always disagreed but I can see the reasoning. Zines that began when I began in the hobby or that have always existed are folding and that saddens me. But new zines and new people are always arriving and that makes me happy. What will be the first zine of 1982? Vote in the BPP (See page 33).

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Oriana Fallaci(ITALY): Who is this cretino, this George Eldridge, who won't even tell his name., who attacks the noblest race of man? What a gobbo! "

Patrick J. Conlon(West Germany): "I have to laugh, looking at those leaning Towers in EE#9. Having just spent a week down in Pisa, Italy, I had hoped never again to see so many leaning towers. Every two-bit tourist trap had dozens of towers for sale in a veritable rainbow of colors. Some could even be plugged in and lit up."

Thomas Franke(West Germany): "The worst thing was the discriminating article about the Italians--you shouldn't have published it!"

Oooooo, the reactions have been hot and heavy and EE #11 will have at least two articles in rebuttal by Tom Mainardi and Mark Fassio. Let me just say, Oriana, that when I had to type that abusive article(it was written in the most atrocious handwriting!), that I had to hold my nose! "George Eldridge" should learn a lesson.

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Ben Schilling(Michigan, USA): "ORIGINS will be in Detroit in June of 1983. It's already being organized and I think the dates are even set. I thought so, it'll be June 9-12, 1983."

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that that is a very good direction for American English to flow..

I also think that feuds don't belong in a zine--they poison the whole atmosphere and most people don't have anything to do with them. So keep them out of EE!

The Con Story was really good and well-written. I got a good view of how Cons are organized and held in the U.S. I don't think I would go by car for over 10 hours. In Germany you can reach each city within 5-6 hours, but your country is so wide that I cannot imagine very good.

The probably best in EE #9 were the political articles by Mark Fassio, Rod Walker, Patrick J. Conlon and Pete Tamlyn. The best was that of Patrick J. Conlon, because there you could see the nearest view I have to the stationing of nuclear weapons in Germany. I would like to write such an article too (if my not very good English is understandable for you and your readers) but in the moment I don't have the time! Around Christmas? Okay?

□ Okay! Your English is very good and I'm sure any of us English-speakers could understand the points you will make. I don't want the political discussions to overwhelm EE and so far I don't think they have. There is enough in EE for everyone's tastes this time. Most Cons in North America, outside of the regular conventions, are held in someone's home I think. St. Louis was an exception.

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Mickie McAuley (Ontario, Canada): "I know. I'm a bad girl for not writing to you sooner. But as you can probably tell from the lack of correspondence from the north, I've been pretty darn busy for the past couple of months. What with my new job, and moving and everything... Not much has been happening up here, except for the above, since you last heard from this end of the world. Infidel is basically dead since last January in spite of my best efforts to light a fire under a person who shall remain nameless, but his initials are Clive Tonge. So my wonderful and very strange writing urges are being suppressed, along with many other urges... I'm making this a short one because I'm writing it on my lunch hour at work. But I did want to drop this little bit of news on you. As of January (hopefully), this charming, helpless little bit of femininity will be (stop laughing) will be a Second Lieutenant in the Canadian Armed Forces. And it's pronounced "leftenant" not "lewtenant". Anyway, hope to hear from you very soon and please don't hate me for my prolonged silence."

□ And that's Mickie who was secretary to the folded zine Infidel. I have a couple of articles from her which will go into future EEs, so those urges won't be suppressed for much longer, Mickie. I have exchanged cassette tapes with her so she knows how I talk! I can't picture that lovely voice and that feminine handwriting in one of the services! I'll write you while you're in boot camp, Ma'am!

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Bob Olsen (Kansas, USA): "Isn't it wonderful that there are people like you and me around who can have the leisure time to conduct their Diplomacy at work? What would the country be like if everybody could goof off like this? Better, probably. There's you and your phone calls all the time, and all. Not to mention Michalaki who published millions of words of zine at work, and so on. It's shocking, that's what it is."

□ Well I am free during the day but at work we can no longer bring notebooks etc. with us. Beaucrats! I sneak in some paper anyway with usually a letter or two that I have to answer and do it during one of my breaks or at lunch (my lunch is at night). I know that Bob is off during the day. Anybody else besides us two?

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Mike Close (United Kingdom): "Thanks for EE #9, especially for the double front page and a duplicate page 9/10!"

□ You're welcome! EE is collated by the printer now. When I send it out, I do a quick check to see if all the pages are in the right order etc. I kept one with duplicate pages but you apparently got another one. Oh well, think of it as a collector's item! Well this is the end of this issue's letter column and it has been the longest one so far I think. If the digest works out (remember at this point I don't know what it will look like either), EE can have a letter column and articles each issue. I would prefer that. I expect a lot of feedback on this issue because of so many changes I'm throwing at you. But for the next few weeks don't any of you (except in my games!) expect to hear from me. You might, but I need a rest after this issue. Bye Y'all!















HOBBYWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

% CORRECTION!!! In EE #9, I gave the wrong names for Steve Langley's subzines. Both of them are named Magus. His Magus in Give Me ~~Some Weapons~~<sup>WEAPON</sup> is running a diplomacy game. And his Magus in Coat of Arms will be running a postal game of Battleship.

% Speaking of Coat of Arms, that name is a catch-all name for the numerous subzines contained within. The two main subzines are Tom Mainardi's Bersaglieri and Steve Arnawood-ian's Diplomatic Immunity and you can get a sub to COA by writing either of these guys. (All addresses are in Address List on page 22). The other subzines so far are Steve Langley's Magus, Kathy Byrne's Kathy's Kode and Mike Mills' Blarney Stone. Lots of voices!

% Tacky is a new zine from Lu Henry, 6056 Waverly, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127 USA and features Wooden Ships and Iron Men, Diplomacy, A Mighty Fortress and other games.

% Andy Lischett of Cheesecake will run an 8-week deadline Diplomacy game and it is limited to players from seven different countries. Andy is an excellent GM and the cost will probably just be postage. This is a golden opportunity for Europeans!

% Are you interested in computers as they can affect Diplomacy? Then check out Doug Beyerlein's California Reports (See address list) available for self-addressed stamped envelopes. Discussions will include word processing, adjudication and statistics banks. Vote in the Beyerlein Player Poll (see page 33) while you're at it.

% SOME CHANGES: Gerald Austin's KleptomaniA is switching over to 5-week deadlines. Uh, make that Klepto Mania, sorry Jerry! Scott Hanson's Irsksome and Ron Brown's Snafu are going to digest.

% DEATHS OR DISAPPEARANCES: Bruce Schneier's Invasion and David Manuel's The Chamber have vanished apparently. David Buckalew's Ace In The Hole, a Black Frog subzine, has folded. I wish it would come back. I enjoyed the cartoons, David, and will use some of them in EE in the future.

% NOW USING MAPS WITH DIPLOMACY GAMES: Tom Mainardi's Bersaglieri and Malc Smith's Bohemian Rhapsody. I think Malc's BR is the first British zine to use maps with games.

% NEW NAME: Bob Arnett's Volkerwanderung will undergo a complete transformation in style, content and look when it is soon renamed Rus-Q? (Yes, the "?" is part of the name!)

% DAS GREATER GREAT NECK! Eric Kane's Anduin has absorbed its fellow Great Neck, New York zine, Erebor. Anduin is the newest zine and Eric is full of enthusiasm. I love his letter column. (All addresses on this page are in the address list!)

% GET YOUR DIPLOMACY T-SHIRTS!! Two zines offer diplomacy T-shirts now. Marion Bates has Plague Time t-shirts in all sizes, even kids, for \$7.00. And now Don Del Grande has Life of Monty T-shirts and you can have lettering put on them. LOM t-shirts are \$7.50 postpaid (first class) PLUS 10¢ per small letter or 15¢ per large letter. Soon I will have two diplomacy t-shirts I can wear to cons. But after Christmas, Don!

% NEED-A-GAME LISTS: If you are a pubber and you want to advertise game openings in your zine or the type of games you are offering or if you are just interested in seeing what kind of games are available to you, the hobby member, you have two routes to check out. (1) Rod Walker's "Need-A-Game List". If you send Rod an SASE (address on page 24), he will send you the forms to fill out. (2) Bob Sacks' "Known Game Openings" and Bob's address is: 4861 Broadway 5-V, New York, New York 10034 USA. He also needs an SASE from you.

% Remember the April Chicago Con I've been telling you about? Well apparently it is now "tentatively scheduled" fro May 29-31, the Memorial Day Weekend. For "periodic updates, possible housing info, questions, suggestions, etc." write to either Andy Lischett or Eric Ozog. (See address list). I'll be there.

% PLAYLIST: I really wonder now about you other pubbers and this playlists of yours. They seem so short. I have spent days typing up this zine. I generally listen to WHBQ which plays oldies. I like 50s and 60s music. On the hour, I turn to the news so I can keep in touch with the real world. When I typed the Christmas stories, I played Christmas music by Bing Crosby. It seems many of you will get to have a White Christmas. Memphis won't. I don't ever remember a White Christmas except for once!

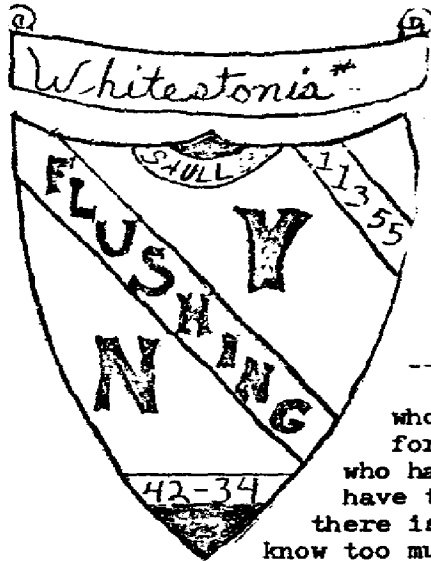








SECOND ANNUAL WHITESTONIA PLAYERS' POLL



The 3-part Whitestonia Players' Poll's results are in! In this poll, voters simply picked their three top choices for best player as well as variant player and writer and they listed this choice from 1 to 3. John Caruso, pubber of Whitestonia, said the response was double that of last year which I think reflects its popularity. Over 50 votes were received. And the winners are----TAH DAH:

<u>BEST PLAYERS</u>	<u>BEST VARIANT PLAYERS</u>	<u>BEST WRITERS</u>
1. Kathy Byrne	1. Fred Hyatt	1. Gary Coughlan
2. Ron Brown(MM)	2. John Caruso	2. Kathy Byrne
3. Jack Masters	2. Dave Grabar	3. Jack Masters

Congratulations to these guys and gal and to all of you who took the time to vote. I think this shows a major breakthrough for women in the hobby because of Kathy's win here. Any of you who have played with her know that she is an excellent player. We have to identify Ron Brown as the pubber of Murd'ring Ministers since there is also another pubber named Ron Brown who pubs Snafu. I don't know too much about variants but I do know that John Caruso is good at them so Fred Hyatt must really be something. This hobby has been very

good to me and I can't think of anything better than a Christmas present like this to be voted Best Writer. Thanks! But just look at my competitors! Both of them were also in the top three of the Best Player category. Kathy and Jack have given me many moments of laughter and enjoyment from their writings, and since I really don't write that many articles in EUROPA EXPRESS myself, I thought it would be nice to let everyone see samples of the top three. Now that I am going to Digest ~~at my first attempt~~ I will be able to write more in EE. I talked to Kathy before I decided to print the articles and she asked that I print the one of hers that appears here because she thinks it is one of her best. If I were given a choice, I wouldn't print this one. You will see why. Kathy's article first appeared in Dick Martin's Retaliation. And Jack's article is about a game in Retaliation called R-3, that had Bob Olsen as Germany, Jack as Austria and me as Turkey. He wrote it as a joke on Jane Proskin when she was staying with Dan Kuszynski and, as you will see, it is most appropriate for Christmas(Jack imitated Jane when he wrote it). My article is one that I have written for Larry Peery of Xenographic(P.O. Box 8416, San Diego, California 92102) who asked for contributions on what the Diplomacy Hobby would be like in 15 years. I can't believe that this is one big paragraph! (No cracks, Bern "Postal Hater" Sampson!)

DIPLOMACY IN 1996 OR FIFTEEN YEARS FROM NOW

---by Gary L. Coughlan

Let us put 1996 in some perspective before we look closely at the hobby. A very popular Jerry Brown(former governor of California) has been the President of the United States(all 51 including Puerto Rico) for the last 4 years and faces an easy re-election this fall. King Charles III of Great Britain and the ever lovely Queen Diana celebrate their fourth year on the throne. (Queen Elizabeth II abdicated after a reign of 40 years). The world looks forward to the 21st Century with high hopes. And the postal diplomacy hobby enters its 33rd year of existence.

I said "postal" diplomacy. That is not strictly true in this extremely electronic modern age. A letter cost \$1.00 to mail and a post card goes for 60 cents. However, all letters within North America are delivered the next day while a letter anywhere else in the world takes 2-3 days. The average annual salary of the working diplomacy player is \$80,000 for the normal 4-day, 28-hour work week(not including overtime).

Most diplomacy is carried out via the visual telephone screen where opponents and potential allies and enemies can see each other. No less a pundit than Mark Berch has said that this "video dip" is virtually the same as, if not superior to, face-to-face dip. Of course this form of diplomacy is expensive when compared to a letter especially when calling overseas, but it has greatly broadened the appeal of the hobby to the growing leisure classes of the Western World. (Some even tape these encounters to show others!).

The hobby took a quantum leap in visibility when several celebrities became known as addicts, among them a former US President, assorted sports stars and even Miss America of 1989. Miss America's interest in the hobby, previously viewed as an almost male

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province, brought women of all ages into the hobby. Women currently make up 40% of the hobby. Even the astronauts play with more earthly foes from their Astro-Shuttles!

The bulk of the zines today in 1996 are computerized digest products and feature color graphics. Virtually all are on 2-week schedules although a handful of weekly zines exist for those who are more interested in fast games. Only two zines still cling to their old deadlines from the 1963-1985 period of the hobby: Rod Walker's Diplomacy World comes out every three months and John Boardman's Graustark appears once a month as it has from the very beginning of the hobby.

Diplomacy World will soon come out with its long anticipated "Issue 100". This is still considered a major milestone because DW only publishes every three months and so it reached its 100th the hard way. To gain some perspective, we must remember that most zines today reach their 50th issue by the end of their second year of publishing. Two-week deadlines have brought the goal of "Issue 100" within the reach of almost any publisher.

But, in any category, Graustark still stands out. Bets have even been taken about which event will happen first this year: whether Graustark will reach its 1000th issue or John Boardman will admit he is finally 65 years old. No other zine now being published is even close to "Issue 500" much less No. 1000.

The average sub fee is \$30.00/12 issues which covers a 6-month period. Zines are published on all continents and rare indeed is the game which doesn't have at least 3 different continents represented in it. In the pre-1989 era of the hobby, the most "exotic" players to encounter were women, Europeans or Americans (depending on where you lived!) and Canadians. Today it is generally acknowledged to be astronauts from one of the Astro-Shuttles, a player from the Communist-Bloc and South Americans. And who can predict what it will be fifteen years from now? I know I can't!

((Remember how I said that Jack wrote the article in this section as Jane Proskin? Well Kathy wrote her article as Ieapo Stabo, an alien from outer space who lives with her, John, Phyllis, Francine and Frank in New York. Shaesh, doesn't anybody write articles under their right names except for me!))

LEAPO VISITS GOOD GRIEF - NO NOT CHARLIE BROWN.....GARY COUGHLAN!!!!

---by Kathy Byrne (as Ieapo Stabo!)

I never want to see Grits, Southern Fried Chicken or Elsie again! I went to Memphis to interview our Southern friend, and see if I was right in my harsh opinion of him. Well, I was wrong, he's even WORSE!!! So I want everyone to now see a typical day in the life of Gary, yuk!

At 5 AM every morning Gary eats his grits; I hate Grits! But Gary loves them and the first morning he plops this bowl of green slop in front of me and I thought I was going to PUKE! "Gary, what is this stuff?" Gary explains "That's Grits, oh, y'all mean why they're that green color, well, I always put food coloring in them to make them pretty--they'nse green today in honor of Elsie, my pet cow, as she is gonna be green with envy when she sees that I do indeed have a friend besides her." (The day I left, thank God, we have blue grits, 'cause Gary was sad to see his only friend leave, and he had to go back to talking to Elsie!)

After the poison, we go out to feed the hogs, Dickie and Nameless. (Gary always was original). Gary likes to roll in the mud with them, and wrestle, so after this toss in his pig sty, we head for the barrel. The barrel, is just that, a barrel with a hose over the top, he climbs in the barrel, and asked me to turn the water on. I do and Gary takes his normal shower. Such modern inventions he has. He says his is the best barrel in the county, cause of the great yellow paint job. (The barrel is painted in honor of Donovan--you remember him--Mellow Yellow).

Next we go to the barn, to feed Elsie. Gary wakes Elsie up with a kiss and then brings her to the porch for her breakfast; she eats "Green Grits." Gary treats her like a person--she's even porched-trained! Then Gary says, "Oh, it's time to go to work;" and he jumps on Elsie's back. "Hop on up here," he yells to me. So I get on and Gary explains on the way that the Memphis Post Office doesn't have enough mail trucks, so he delivers his mail by COW. (I thought, "Boy, are we going to get some strange looks"--but

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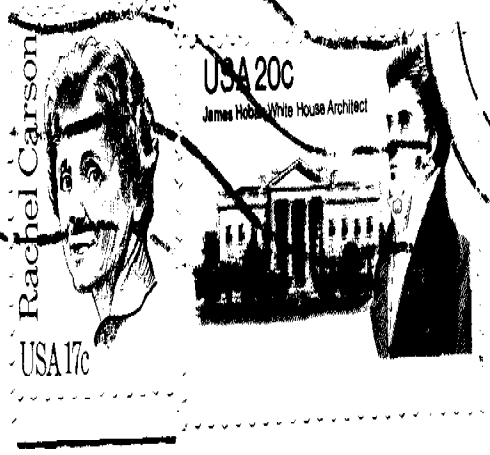
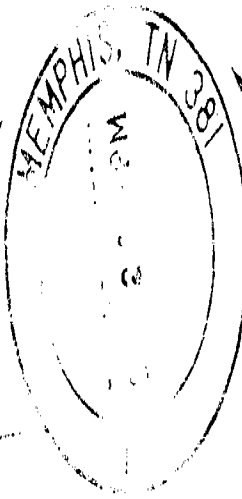








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